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BONN FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: CSCE MILITARY MANEUVERS LANGUAGE

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO PASS ON TO THE SECRETARY A PLEA FOR A "MORE ACTIVE" AMERICAN ROLE IN SETTLING THE PROBLEM OF VOLUNTARY NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS.

2. SPECIFICALLY HE ASKED THAT THE US SUPPORT THE DUTCH-ROMANIAN EFFORT TO INTRODUCE A CLEARER ELEMENT OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE INTO THE BRITISH-SOVIET TEXT. AS PROPOSED BY THE DUTCH AND ROMANIANS MACOVESCU SAID THE LAST 3 PARAGRAPHS OF THE TEXT WOULD BE REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING (TRANSLATION IS FROM ROMANIAN): ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH OF THEM TO FULFILL THIS MEASURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA AND MODALITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, RECOGNIZING THAT THIS MEASURE, DERIVING FROM A POLITICAL DECISION, RESTS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND IS INDISPENSIBLE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT

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OF WHAT IS STATED ABOVE".

3. MACOVESCU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK TO A BEEFED UP TEXT, BUT WHEN I PUSHED ON WHY THE SOVIETS WERE OPPOSED, HE SAID THEY JUST KEEP REPEATING ANYTHING MORE THAN VOLUNTARY

NOTIFICATION IS AN INFRINGEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY. HE ARGUED FOR A STRONGER TEXT IN MOSCOW RECENTLY AND WILL PRESS THE SOVIETS AGAIN BUT SAYS HE FEELS US POSITION NOW KEY AND THAT IF WE GO ALONG WITH THE DUTCH AND ROMANIANS THE SOVIETS WILL TOO . HE ARGUES, AS HE HAS BEFORE, THAT WE SHOULD HAVE EVERY POLITICAL INTEREST IN HAVING A FIRMER UNDERSTANDING ON THESE NOTIFICATIONS BY THE SOVIETS.

4. HE SAID HE WAS PUZZLED BY WHAT HE CLAIMED TO BE A SLACKENING OF U.S. INTEREST IN CSCE OF LATE, WHICH I QUESTIONED, BUT IN ANY CASE HE HOPED WE COULD BE HELPFUL ON THIS LAST REMAINING POINT OF MAJOR CONCERN TO ROMANIA.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON US ATTITUDES I CAN USEFULLY PASS BACK TO MACOVESCU UNLESS SITUATION IS SOLVED IN THE INTERIM.
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